

Eponyms: People

derrick zinnia cardigan maverick boycott
mesmerize saturnine laconic sequoia bacitracin

AN EPONYM IS A WORD THAT COMES FROM
THE NAME OF A PERSON OR PLACE.

A **derrick** is a large crane.

A **zinnia** is a colorful flower.

A **cardigan** is a sweater that buttons in front.

A **maverick** is someone who doesn't go along with a group's thinking.

If you **boycott** something, you stop using it.

Saturnine means "gloomy." / Someone who is **laconic** uses few words.

A **sequoia** is a giant redwood tree. / **Bacitracin** is an antibiotic ointment.

Mesmerize means
"to hypnotize."



A. Write a vocabulary word for each sentence.

1. Saturn was a god in Roman myths.
2. Sequoia, a Cherokee, created a system of writing for his people in 1821.
3. The Laconians of ancient Greece were known for their brief speech.
4. An Austrian doctor, Franz Mesmer, used hypnotism to treat patients.
5. J.T. Brudenell, the Earl of Cardigan, wore a sweater that was open in the front.
6. Samuel A. Maverick was a Texas cattleman who didn't brand his calves when other ranchers did.

B. Draw a line to match each word with its name story.

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| 1. bacitracin | a. In 1600, a gallows in England was named for Derick, a famous hangman. |
| 2. boycott | b. Botanist Johann Zinn discovered a flower. |
| 3. derrick | c. When Captain Charles Boycott raised rents on an estate in Ireland, the tenants turned against him. |
| 4. zinnia | d. An antibody in the blood of Margaret nacy led to an ointment that fights infections. |

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1. People threatened to _____ the store because of its policies.
2. Gwen took along a _____ in case the day got cooler.
3. The main character in the movie seemed glum and _____ to the viewers.
4. The oil field was crowded with -----
5. The nurse applied _____ to Ziggy's cut.
6. By late summer, Mom's garden is bright with -----
7. The children were _____ by the musician and sat there listening for hours.
8. A national park in California is noted for its stands of _____ trees.
9. She is very original and something of a _____ in her field.
10. Devon's response to the question was short and -----

1. Who boycotts?	<input type="radio"/> supporters	<input type="radio"/> protesters	<input type="radio"/> bystanders
2. Which one buttons?	<input type="radio"/> turtleneck	<input type="radio"/> pullover	<input type="radio"/> cardigan
3. Which one's an annual?	<input type="radio"/> sequoia	<input type="radio"/> zinnia	<input type="radio"/> pecan tree
4. What does a maverick do?	<input type="radio"/> dissent	<input type="radio"/> consent	<input type="radio"/> relent

Find out more about the history of one of the vocabulary words and the person for whom **it** is named. Write a paragraph to report on your research.

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